GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:209
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2004
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
Kusmaria Dr. Ramkrishna

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the National Commission for Women pertaining to dowry harassment and atrocities against women during each of the last two years and current year till date;

(b) the number of complaints on which the action has been taken so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect women and redress their grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in replv to Darts (a), (b)& (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.209 for 20-7-2004 by Dr.RamkriSbiiaKusmaria regarding National Commission for Women

(a) & (b): As per the infonnation furnished by the Natiorial Commission for Women (NCW), it has received the following number of complaints about dowry harassment and other cases of atrocities against women during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 (till 30th June, 2004)

S.No.	Nature of complaint	Number of complaints received during 1-1-2002 to 30-12-2002	1-1-2003 to 31-12-2003	1-1-2004 to 30-6-2004
1	Dowry harassment	1074	895	453
2	Other cases of atrocities against women	5926	4805	1933
	Total	7000	5700	2386

Details of the number of complaints disposed off by the commission from the above referred complaints is as follows:

S.No.	Year	Total No.of complaints received through counseling, police reports etc.	Complaints disposed off by the commission	Cases Sent to State Govemments, State Women Commissions for action by them
1	2002	7000	2081	4325
2	2003	5700	990	3348
3	2004 (Unto 30-6-04)	2386	48	515

(c): The Government has taken steps in the following areas to ensure protection of women and to redress their grievances:

-. setting up of helplines for women in distress

-. support services to victims of violence through schemes such as Short Stay Homes and Swadhar under which shelter, maintenance, counseling, capacity building, occupational training, medical aid and other services are provided

-. grant-in-aid Schemes providing assistance for rescue and rehabilitation of trafficked victims as well as prevention through special schemes in source areas of trafficking.